

This year's theme, "A Proud Past \* \* \* A Powerful Tomorrow," is certainly appropriate. As Latinas, we are at a crossroads. Today, we are prouder than ever to be rooted in our cultural traditions. At the same time, we are breaking the glass ceiling and pioneering into areas our mothers never would have dreamed possible. Latinas own major businesses, serve as executives in our Nation's largest corporations, and are being elected to public office in increasing numbers throughout all levels of government. As our accomplishments grow, we continue to fulfill our role as the nurturers and educators of our children.

I am extremely optimistic about our future. In 25 years, it is estimated that Latinos will become the majority population group in California. Our new role tomorrow demands that Latinas continue to tackle new challenges and responsibilities today. HOPE will play a crucial role in preparing Latinas to lead California into the future.

I salute the HOPE Education and Leadership Fund for their commitment to Latinas and our children and, in their honor, proclaim March 8, 1996, as Latina History Day.

#### TRIBUTE TO DANIEL WILLIAMS

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 7, 1996*

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues one of the tireless soldiers in the army of justice and equality—Daniel Williams.

Danny, as he is affectionately known, was honored by the Giblin Association on Sunday, February 18, 1996. Tribute was paid to him for his dedication to a number of communities—labor, civic, and social. Over the years, Danny has taken his place amongst a variety of individuals to ensure that everyone has equal opportunity to live, learn, and succeed.

Most of his work has been done in conjunction with the labor movement. A strong labor activist, Danny has used his experience and opportunities to draw attention to matters that affect the very fiber of our community. He is active with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 68-68A-68B. He serves this organization as director of community relations. He uses this position to interact with the national organizations of the NAACP, the Urban League, the A. Philip Randolph Institute, as well as other civil rights organizations.

Danny is also active in his local community. He is a member of the Executive Board of the Vailsburg Block Association and the Reynolds Place Block Association. He is a district leader representing the 36th district of Newark's west ward for the Essex County Democratic Committee. Always willing to serve, he is the sergeant-at-arms for the executive board of the Essex County Democratic Committee.

I am proud to have this dedicated citizen in my district. I offer my congratulations and best wishes to Danny and his wife, Bernice.

#### A BILL TO AMEND THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 1965

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 7, 1996*

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, today, I am cosponsoring a bill introduced by Mr. NORWOOD and Mr. CLAY, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow five historically black graduate professional schools to remain eligible for grant funding under section 326 of title III of that act.

These institutions compete for grant funds made available through the appropriations process. The Secretary of Education selects recipients who are making a substantial contribution to the legal, medical, dental, veterinary or other graduate opportunity for African Americans. The five original institutions, including Morehouse School of Medicine, Meharry Medical College, Clark-Atlanta University, Charles R. Drew Postgraduate Medical School, and Tuskegee University School of Medicine will become ineligible for grant funding after the next appropriations cycle. Although these institutions may still need grant funds and may be making the substantial contribution required under the statute, they will be ineligible simply due to the fact that they have received two 5-year grants.

This bill simply allows these institutions to continue to compete for funds along with other eligible institutions. Rather than terminating their eligibility solely due to timing, the decision will be based on meeting the requirements of the Secretary in determining substantial contributions to the fields outlined above.

The schools which compete for funds under section 326 of title III train 50 percent of the African American physicians, pharmacists and dentists in this country, as well as, 75 percent of African American veterinarians. Many of the medical schools serve large numbers of disadvantaged individuals who have no health insurance and are in dire need of quality health care. In light of the current health care problems facing this country, I believe that Congress should continue to support the important role of historically black graduate professional schools in helping to address this key issue.

#### TRIBUTE TO GWEN TOWNS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 7, 1996*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Gwen Towns attended college in her home State of North Carolina where she received a bachelor of science in early childhood education from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. Later, she earned a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Brooklyn College, and obtained post master credits from Pace University.

As an advocate for quality education for children and adults, she has taught in New York for several organizations, including the Women's House of Detention and the board of education. In addition, Mrs. Towns has served as a member of various national and local education committees.

Mrs. Towns has been recognized on numerous occasions for her commitment and leadership on issues related to education and her efforts as a community activist. Also, she serves on the board of directors for the Brooklyn Children's Museum, St. Joseph's Home for Children, and president of the Interfaith Medical Auxiliary. She is a member of the NYC chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Concerned Women of Brooklyn, and an active member of Berean Missionary Baptist Church.

Most importantly, she and Congressman Ed Towns are the proud parents of two children, Assemblyman Darryl Towns and Deidra Towns, and the grandparents of Kiara Towns and Jasmine Towns.

#### IN HONOR OF MAYOR DENNIS P. COLLINS

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 7, 1996*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very distinguished and outstanding citizen from my district. Dennis P. Collins, former mayor of Bayonne, has long understood the importance of community development and service. In recognition of his altruistic efforts, Mayor Collins will be honored by the Bayonne Family YMCA on March 10, 1996, at the 4th Annual Distinguished Service Award Brunch at the Hi-Hat Restaurant in Bayonne.

Tradition and experience are key words when speaking of this truly dedicated citizen. Mayor Collins has been a life-long resident of the city of Bayonne. After proudly serving in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II, he returned to complete his post-secondary education at St. Peter's College and the State University of New Jersey. His educational accomplishments allowed him to further develop his career in various arenas.

Mayor Collins' successful political career began in 1962 when he was elected the first ward councilman. Four years later, he was elected councilman at large. His leadership, influence, and commitment to the community led the residents of Bayonne to elect him mayor in 1974. As a result of his work and dedication, Mayor Collins was reelected to three terms.

Bayonne and its citizens benefited from the hard work and dedication of Mayor Collins. As mayor, he developed a strong economic policy at a time when the country and State were in recession. He dramatically improved public services and was directly involved in the process of refurbishing many of the city's public parks and facilities.

In his community, Mayor Collins has also played an active role and dedicated many hours of service to various institutions. He has taken part in veterans group activities and is a faithful parishioner at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish. He has had the pleasure of working with the Knights of Columbus and was a standard bearer of the New Frontier Democrats.

Mayor Collins has worked endlessly to promote a sense of community in Bayonne, and he serves as a role model for our public officials. I am proud to have him as a congressional staff member, and it is with great pleasure that I honor such a special constituent and leader.

**BILL REQUESTING FAIR REPRESENTATION ON FEDERAL JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS**

**HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 7, 1996*

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation which calls for fair representation on all Federal Judicial Circuit Courts of Appeals.

Currently, only two States, West Virginia and Hawaii do not have representation on their circuit Court of Appeals. In fact, it's been 12 years since Judge Herbert Choy of Honolulu retired from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Some States like Montana, have only recently had a resident granted a judgeship. My bill would require that each State have at least one judge appointed to their circuit Court of Appeals. That way, all States would always have representation on the bench. The bill does not affect the President's historic power to appoint Federal judges.

Having each State represented on its respective circuit courts, helps to ensure that justice is blind and impartial. A report entitled *The Long Range Plans For Federal Courts*, completed by the Judicial Conference of the United States in December 1995, noted, "Federal judicial credibility and accountability are fostered when appellate judges are drawn primarily from the region they will serve." This bill would add to the judicial credibility of the courts because each State would have at least one judge representing and understanding its State law, business, and customs.

This is not another law to add to the books. This legislation is about continuing the integrity of our third branch of Government, fairness and representation. I strongly urge my colleagues to support and pass this bill.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. JOHN J. LaFALCE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 7, 1996*

Mr. LaFALCE. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, March 6, I was unavoidably absent for rollcalls 45 and 46. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" and "no" respectively.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. JON CHRISTENSEN**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 7, 1996*

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, due to a family emergency back in Nebraska, I was not present yesterday for three rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: rollcall vote No. 45, "yes;" rollcall vote No. 46, "yes;" and rollcall vote No. 47, "yes."

**THE COST OF OUR NATIONAL DEBT**

**HON. WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 7, 1996*

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, as we continue in our struggle to balance the budget and return government power to the States and local communities, I thought it would be a good time to remember what one of America's greatest patriots had to say about the cost of our national debt and the burden it places on current and future generations:

I place economy among the first and most important virtues, and public debt as the greatest of dangers to be feared. To preserve our independence, we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. We must make our choice between economy and liberty, or profusion and servitude. If we run into such debts, we must be taxed in our meat and drink, in our necessities, and in our labors and in our amusements. If we prevent the Government from wasting the labors of the people, under the pretense of caring for them, they will be happy.

These words are drawn from a speech given by Thomas Jefferson shortly after the birth of our country. This speech, sent to me last week by one of my constituents, Mrs. Louis Seewald of Amarillo, TX, should remind us all that we cannot continue the business as usual practice of spending more than we take in.

As Jefferson foresaw, running up a debt serves to enslave the entire Nation. The last 25 years have proven him right. Despite movement toward a plan to balance the budget, the fact of the matter is that we still face a national debt of nearly \$5 trillion. A child born today will have to pay \$187,000 in taxes over his or her lifetime just to pay off interest on the national debt.

If unchecked, the national debt will soon consume nearly 75 percent of our entire budget. This will leave virtually no funds for critical areas such as education, the environment, and crime prevention, and could possibly lead to a tax rate of over 50 percent.

This is not what Jefferson would have wanted from the Government he helped create more than 200 years ago, and it is not what the American people want from the leaders they elect today.

**PEPPY MAYER, RECIPIENT OF CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED REALTOR AWARD**

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 7, 1996*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the exceptional achievement of Ms. Alberta "Peppy" Mayer, a resident of Fremont in California's 13th Congressional District. Peppy was recently awarded the California Distinguished Realtor Award, which is the highest honor that the California Association of Realtors [CAR] can bestow upon one of its members.

To receive this award, one must have been a California realtor for at least 20 years, dem-

onstrated outstanding service to the CAR for at least 15 of those 20 years, be a CAR honorary director for life, and be a current, active CAR member in good standing. Peppy is all these things and more—she is one of the most committed, talented, tenacious, and energetic people I know.

Peppy Mayer was born in Chicago and lived in both San Francisco and Alameda before settling in Fremont with her husband, Edward Mayer, and their three young daughters. Although she had studied to be a teacher at San Francisco State University, when the family moved to Fremont, she began to look for another career and enrolled in a course in Real Estate. There were few women real estate agents at that time but she soon won a prize for closing the most escrows in the Tri-City area. She has not looked back since.

Peppy has been a member of the California Association of Realtors since 1967 and has served the association in almost every capacity since then. She has been a director of the association for 29 years. In 1976, she became the first woman to serve as board president. In 1981, she became the first woman to chair the legislative committee, and in 1985, she became district 6 regional vice president. In 1980, she was appointed as honorary director for life. She has also been a director of the National Association of Realtors for the last 12 years.

Peppy is the author of numerous publications for both the California Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors. She has also received many awards including: Salesman of the Year in 1967, Realtor of the Year in 1977, the CAR's 1980 designation as Honorary Director for Life, the Recognition Award for "A Lifetime of Outstanding Dedication and Service to the Real Estate Industry" in 1991, and she became a life member of the Million Dollar Club in 1973.

As Peppy's business flourished, she still managed to find time to be an active member of the community. She has been the director of the Fremont Chamber of Commerce, making her the first woman to hold this position. She has been a long time member of the fund raising committee for the Fremont Boys Club, and a founding member of the Ohlone College Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Alberta "Peppy" Mayer for her exceptional professional accomplishments and to congratulate her on being the recipient of the 1995 California Distinguished Realtor Award.

**ISRAELI BOMBINGS**

**HON. SCOTT L. KLUG**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 7, 1996*

Mr. KLUG. Mr. Speaker, 60 people have been killed over the last 9 days in four suicide-bomb attacks in Israel. We all mourn the loss of nearly 200 people, including 5 Americans, who have died in terrorist incidents since the signing of the Israel-PLO peace agreement at the White House on September 13, 1993. Clearly, the Middle East peace process is now hanging by a thread.

There are some countries whose only interest is in derailing the peace process. The